

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace paragraph [0099] with the following amended paragraph:

[0099] FIG. 72A is a perspective view of one embodiment of a profile-matching distractor of the present invention, showing generally discs that correspond to the size of the milling cutter of FIGS. 69A, B, and C. FIG. 72B is two perspective views of an alternative embodiment of profile-matching distractor having a modified multi radius head profile. These distractors are used to maintain the space between the distracted and milled vertebral bodies. FIG. 72C is a side view of the profile-matching distractor of FIG. 72A. FIG. 72D is a cross-sectional side view of the profile-matching distractor of FIGS. 72A and 72C.